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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in this application.

1. (Currently Amended) A transition rail for connection of rails having different rail cross sections, wherein the transition rail (1) comprises two transition zones (a, c), wherein in a first transition zone (c) a larger-height cross-sectional profile is reshaped to transition into a smaller profile height while the profile of a rail foot is kept constant, and in a following, second transition zone (a) having a smaller profile height, a the rail foot is worked to match a new profile of a consecutive rail foot while the profile height is kept constant.

2. (Previously Presented) A transition rail according to claim 1, wherein the second transition zone (a) is arranged closer to a free end of the transition rail (1) than is the first transition zone (c).

3. (Previously Presented) A transition rail according to claim 1, wherein a zone (b) of constant cross-sectional shape is arranged between the first transition zone (c) and the second transition zone (a).

4-6. (Cancelled).

7. (Previously Presented) A transition rail according to claim 2, wherein a zone (b) of constant cross-sectional shape is arranged between the first transition zone (c) and the second transition zone (a).

8-10. (Cancelled).

11. (Previously Presented) A transition rail according to claim 1, wherein the second transition zone of the rail foot, in which the width of the rail foot decreases, is designed to be rounded in top view.